Principal's News

End of Semester Assessment and Reporting

Over the last few weeks all students have participated in end of unit summative assessment tasks and all students are to be commended for their participation in this assessment process. Summative assessment is described as assessment completed at the end of a unit of work to document the level of individual student achievement and provides feedback to teachers on the effectiveness of the unit of work. Summative assessment may include: written tests, oral presentations, concept maps, problem solving activities, project work, formal assignments and tests. Teachers then moderate across year levels to ensure consistency of achievements.

This terms end of unit assessments and previous end of unit assessments are then used by teachers to complete individual student end of semester written reports. We will be holding our final assembly for the term on Thursday June 26 at 9.30am where individual students will be recognised for their efforts. All students will receive their individual student reports on this day. There will be no assembly on Tuesday that week as it will be the first day of our annual Athletics Carnival.

I would like to thank all our teaching staff for their efforts over the last weeks in completing end of semester written reports as this involves many hours of work outside of their usual teaching day. Please find further information about assessment and reporting in Mrs Doughtery's Curriculum Matters article.
Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

All schools are required to create and submit to Regional Office an Annual Implementation Plan that reflects the core teaching and learning for that year. In most years this is merely updated to reflect goals and targets met and the setting of new goals. This year I was required to significantly change our AIP to reflect current Regional and Education Queensland improvement agendas. We have been working towards all priority areas in our AIP since the beginning of the year and are well on the way to meeting some targets already.

This document has now been signed off on by our Regional Director and will be uploaded to our website by the end of this week. I encourage parents and carers to view our AIP to be informed of our direction for the year.

Additional Year 6/7 class

Since Day 8 of the school year, when our staffing allocation was finalised based on student enrolment numbers, we have consistently taken on new enrolments particularly in the year levels across 4-7. This has meant that all our classes in that area of the school are over the maximum number of 28 students in an individual class. This is not considered to be best practice for either students or teachers and schools are then required to submit an application to Regional Offices for an additional teacher.

This week I was granted approval to create a new class to start at the beginning of next term which in consultation with classroom teachers will be a Year 6/7 class situated in C block. The new class will be made up of all Year 6 students’ from the current 5/6PH class and some Year 7 students’ from 7RJ and 7KC. Ms Penny Hinschen’s Year 5/6 class will become a Year 4/5 class with students’ from across 4RT and 4CW making up the Year 4 students. This will significantly reduce numbers in all of the above classes and is in the best interest of all students.

I was able to also, this week, confirm a teacher to take on this class and we welcome Ms Bess Ponnampalam who has previously worked at our school and is known to many in our school community. We believe that by bringing a teacher in who is known to our school will highly support a seamless transition for students’.

I will be personally contacting parents and carers of students who will be making up the new class but please do not hesitate to contact me via email if you wish to discuss this further.

New signs and school security

You will have noticed that we have recently placed new signs around our school that relate to student safety and school security. Outside of school hours and during school holidays, as per Education Queensland directives, access to our school is granted at the Principal's discretion to maintain safety of students and security of the school. Any persons or organisations wanting to access our school grounds must give approval by completing paperwork through the school's Administration office. All school gates will now be locked during weekends and school holidays. No dogs are permitted in our school grounds at any time. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our school a clean and safe environment for all.
Use of playgrounds before and after school.

All our playgrounds are out of bounds to all students and their younger siblings before and after school as it is a requirement that playgrounds are supervised by teachers only and we cannot provide supervision at this time. All students are aware of this but particularly younger students find this hard to comply with when they see younger children on playgrounds. Thank you for supporting us in this matter as this policy is in the interest of student safety.

Improved facilities

Our new covered walkways will be complete and ready to use at the start of next term. We appreciate the inconvenience of this to students and their families however the new walkways will significantly improve moving around the school for all our school community.

During the upcoming holiday break there will also be internal painting of C Block and students and teachers will start the new term in a bright and refreshed environment.

Classical guitar lessons

Thank you to Yulia Walker who is offering free classical guitar lessons to any interested students during morning tea break time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you would like further information please contact Yulia on 49454899.

Principal for the day

Last week Imogen Tulk participated in the Principals Australia Institute initiative Student Principal for the day. This is offered to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities. I would like to congratulate Imogen for her enthusiasm and commitment to this day as she worked hard and gained a good insight into how a school day runs for the Principal.

Please enjoy reading her reflections of the day:

On Wednesday I was invited to be Student Principal. I helped Mrs Bradford (our Principal) and Ms Sippel (our Deputy Principal) to investigate the question, "What do Principals do all day?" On this day I uncovered that Principals work for over 10 hours checking emails, discovering the right story to behaviour and proudly walking through classrooms to make sure the students know what they’re learning. On top of all that Mrs Bradford receives parents and/or teachers for paperwork, behaviour discussions and meetings. So to answer my topic question, being Principal is rushed all day long. Imogen Tulk.

The last two weeks of this term are very busy with many extra curricula activities and I encourage you to check our website/facebook to keep updated on all our end of semester activities. I am looking forward to our annual Athletic days and hope to see many parents enjoying these days with us.
Have a great two weeks.

_Alison - Acting Principal_

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Deputy Principal's News

School Photos

Stop press! Our school photos have arrived! Thank you for your patience. They will distributed early next week.

Building Resilience

Click here for further information on Supporting 'rubber band' children

Finding your champion

An extract from my address on the assembly ‘every single person on this planet has something that they can become really good at. Not just really good, but ‘among the top of the world’ good. Every single person has the potential to be a champion. That champion is already inside of you, you just have to wake him/her up.’

I had some help this week from Kid President.

Click here to view ‘A pep talk from Kid President to You’.

I encourage you to help your child find their champion. As Dr Michael Carr-Gregg told us, we need to help our children find their spark!

Our Chooks

If you are interested in helping out with caring for the school chickens in the holiday period please contact the school office on 49 406 333.

Linda Sipple - A/Deputy Principal

Curriculum Matters

Our kids are busy working on assessment tasks at the moment. It’s great to hear students talking about the need to plan and to be organised, to listen as they give feedback to their peers and refer to the criteria being used to make judgements. Even in the Early Years classrooms, the students are striving to achieve and working to the best of their ability. Learning is an active and energetic skill and assessment of this learning is essential, not only to guide the development of individual students, but also to monitor and continuously improve the quality of our curriculum and pedagogy, to inform our students and their parents/carers how they are doing, and because we are accountable for our practices.
As you read this newsletter, our teachers are busily proofreading theirs, and others, Report Cards before they are handed out to our kids in the last week of this term. I've written previously about how the ratings are decided (using only Summative Assessment Tasks) and also communicated that not all Key Learning Areas will have ratings and comments this semester. This does not mean that the students aren’t actively engaged in these areas of the curriculum, or that their teachers couldn’t tell you how they are going. It is just that these are the guidelines under which we, as employees of DETE, operate. What is not reported on this semester will be included in the next report card. As parents and carers, we encourage you to have discussions with your child’s teachers should you have any queries about how he/she is doing.

As well, please keep in mind that, in English and Mathematics in particular, ratings may vary greatly from task to task, term to term, semester to semester and year to year. As you can appreciate, a student may perform very well on a task when it is in an area in which he/she shows great interest and can demonstrate many skills, as compared with a task which hold little interest or a task which was mostly undertaken when the child was away on a holiday or with a prolonged illness.

Should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher/s about the Semester 1 Report Card, or have any questions for us, please arrange an interview time through the lovely ladies in our office.

Lee-Anne Dougherty - Head Of Curriculum

Positions Vacant

POSITIONS VACANT

Proserpine State School has the following vacancy for a Permanent-SCHOOLS OFFICER (Grounds/Facilities) 38 hours per week.

Interested persons are asked to collect an application package containing a Position Description and the Selection Criteria for the position. Your application must address the selection criteria listed in the package. Packages are available from Proserpine State School Administration. Applications close on Wednesday 18th June, at 3.00 pm.

There is a no-smoking policy for all Government worksites. Education Queensland is an Equal Opportunity Employer and the successful applicant will be appointed on merit.

Every Day Counts

Please click to access Parent brochure
Class Awards

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School Facilities

School security and access

Please note the following regarding school security and access to the school grounds:

- Only Renwick Rd gate will be open after 3pm for access to Administration
- All other gates will be locked after 3pm
- Any person on school grounds without permission will be trespassing
- No dogs are allowed on school grounds at any time
- Access to the tennis courts is still available to the community via the gate near the tennis courts only, however the tennis courts are not available to the community on Tuesday afternoons due to coaching.

Any use of the school oval is to be approved by the Principal

Library News

Change in Library Borrowing Times

Students are able to borrow out books during the following times:

- Before school - 8:30am to 8:50am
- Morning tea - 10:45 to 11:10am
There will be no borrowing allowed during the Big Lunch break. Please pass this information onto your children.

Di O’Donnell - Teacher Librarian

Student Council News

WHAT: Student Council fundraising disco

WHEN: Thursday 26 June 2014

WHO: Prep to Year 3 at 5:00pm-6:00pm
Year 4-7 at 6:30pm-8:00pm

WHERE: Multi-purpose complex

HOW: PREPAID tickets. **Please bring your $5 to your classroom teacher** during next week of Monday 16 – Thursday 19 June. Your name will be marked off as paid. Armbands will then be distributed on Thursday 26 June. Armbands need to be worn on the night to enable entry into the disco.

The $5 includes wristband, entry, LOL drink, packet of chips and loads of fun and games and prizes.

WHY: fundraising for the Air Sea Rescue Service

Tuckshop News

Please click here for our new Tuckshop Menu

Hi everyone, our Sports Days are fast approaching and we would like to remind you all how the Tuckshop runs over these 2 days. On Tuesday 24/6, Field Events day, Tuckshop will operate as usual with the children putting their orders in in the morning. If any parents wish to order prepared food you are most welcome to do so, but please get your order in early to avoid disappointment, preferably before 9 o’clock. On Wednesday 25/6, sprints day, children should put their orders in as usual. However we shall also be selling a variety of food and drinks out of the Renwick’s Road Hall for families and spectators. Please support us on this day as it’s a great fundraiser for our Tuckshop.

Cheers The Tuckshop Ladies

Forms
Year 6 & 7 Camp Fundraiser

Fundraising Update

**SHOW - Friday 20th June and Saturday 21st June 2014**

Pop over to the Cattle Yard Area this year and **“GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BULLOCK”**

This raffle will be Drawn 11.15am on Saturday

**Sausage Sizzle BBQ at Bunning’s Cannonvale**

Sunday 22nd June, 2014

9am – 3.00pm

**PSS - FREE DRESS DAY**

Monday 23rd June, 2014

Gold Coin Donation

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bunning’s Cannonvale for their ongoing support and everyone that has helped us with our fundraising efforts so far.*

Community Notices

Proserpine Public Kindy Official Opening and Fun Day: Saturday 14 June – 9 am to 1pm

After over 15 years of community fundraising, Proserpine Public Kindergarten are delighted to announce the opening of their brand new kindergarten building.

On Saturday the 14th June, the kindergarten will be hosting a fun day to celebrate the official opening of the new building. Through fundraising efforts, a huge portion of the local community have contributed towards realising this major goal, and the kindy invite all to come along and view the fantastic results at 2 Dobbins Lane, Proserpine, between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Jason Costigan MP will be officially opening the building at 9.30am.

On the day, there will be fun kids activities, face painting, sausage sizzle, cake and plant stalls, and lots of games. This is a fantastic opportunity for past kindy families to view the results of their efforts, and for future families to come along and have a look at the new facilities.

Zumba Fitness - Free Open Day - Monday 16 June

Come and try Zumba classes for free with Michelle at the CWA Hall Faust Street, Proserpine

Monday 16 June - Doors open 3:30pm

Demo's: Kids 3:45pm Aqua: 4:15pm Gold/chair 4:45pm Toning/cardio 5:15pm

Free: Cardio session 6 / 6:45pm

Contact Michelle on 0488 678 884 for more information

Whitsunday Junior Rugby Union

Whitsunday PCYC

Proserpine Swimming Pool - Winter Holiday Fun Program

Click here for more information.

Proserpine Entertainment Centre

School Holiday Fun - The Wizard Of Oz Show - Friday 4th July

Click here for more information. Click here for Colouring Contest - prizes to be won. Click here for news release.

Wednesday 3 September - Wombat Stew is touring Australia - celebrating 30 years

Click here for more information. Click here for Colouring In competition.

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